

2004 Annual Report



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Letter from the Administration

Dear Members of City Council, Recreation Commission Members and Citizens:

In reviewing the pages of the 2004 Annual Report, you will notice that this was a year of rebirth and innovative programming for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. The Millvale Recreation Center and Westwood Town Hall both underwent very successful renovations. The Clifton Recreation Center reopened and the Winton Commons Pool received a much needed face lift. While we broke ground on a new Mt. Washington Center in 2004, most of our concentration focused on maintaining the facilities that are currently in service. With the support of City Council, CRC was able to make great strides in the backlog of capital improvements needed to bring our centers up to date.

The Mobile Playground was one of the most innovative ideas coming forth in 2004. Bringing fun and games to neighborhoods where playgrounds aren't readily available proved to be extremely popular. The Senior RiverTrek trip and Therapeutic Recreation's partnership with Blaze Sports were also highlights of 2004.

As you page through this book, you will see the many successes of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for the year 2004. Recreation remains an essential service of the City of Cincinnati.



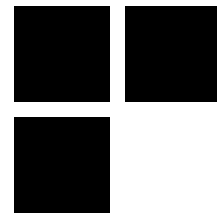
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Seasons of Rebuilding



Otto Armleder Memorial Park & Recreation Complex on the Little Miami River

A joint effort between many local agencies, communities and the Otto Armleder Memorial Fund came to fruition in October as the groundbreaking for the new Otto Armleder Memorial Park & Recreation Complex took place. The new park will include soccer fields, a playground, a 1.5 mile multi-use fitness trail, a canoe and kayak launch area and many other amenities. The first phase of this \$8 million park is scheduled for completion in 2004.



Winton Commons Pool

The newly renovated Winton Commons Pool celebrated its new "\$664,040 face lift" on Saturday, July 17, 2004. The pool now has a zero depth entry that incorporates water geysers and a raindrop-shaped water feature. Along with a new filtration system, the pool received a brand new brick pool house that is ADA accessible. The pool's re-opening celebration was part of the Kroger Family Fun Days program.



Westwood Town Hall

The historical importance of the building and the continuing need for the programs offered there, CRC placed Westwood Town Hall near the top of its list for city buildings needing to be renovated. With the support of Mayor Charlie Luken, council member David Crowley and other members from Cincinnati's City Council, Westwood Town Hall received \$1.6 million in renovation project support. Renovations to the building, which was originally built in 1888, began in October of 2003 and were completed in November of 2004.



Mt. Washington Recreation Center Ground Breaking

After years of hoping and planning, the neighborhood of Mt. Washington finally broke ground on a new community center in April of 2004. In 1996, following a comprehensive study of city facilities, CRC announced a master plan which identified Mt. Washington's center as one of six needing construction or expansion within the next six to ten years. The new center will include day camp programs for

up to 500 local school-aged children, a fitness room, two full-size gyms, an indoor running track, a senior area, a dance room, and two multi-purpose rooms with an adjoining full-service kitchen and teen lounge. Completion of the new recreational facility is scheduled for spring of 2005.

Millvale Recreation Center

When most of us walk into our neighborhood recreation centers, we don't really think about the building or what it means to our community. We are more concerned with getting to our basketball game or the Wednesday afternoon computer class on time. But for a group of residents in one small community in Cincinnati, Ohio, 2004 presented a chance to reflect on the opportunities that having a recreation center in their neighborhood has presented.

In February of 2004, Mayor Charlie Luken and members of the community grabbed sledgehammers and started to smash walls at the Millvale Recreation Center in Cincinnati. That event initiated the beginning of a \$2.5 million dollar renovation project. The center had not received a makeover since it was built in 1968 as part of a HUD neighborhood project. The money was used to replace old heating and lighting equipment and to install air conditioning, new floors, a new kitchen and a much needed elevator.

Just before Christmas, Millvale hosted a re-dedication and residents of the community were amazed at the transformation. "It's been a long time coming, but we finally got our building renovated," said Ms. Frankie Ferguson, Community Council President, "and we've got boxing and air conditioning!" "The unity that this building has brought," she continued as she reflected on the impact of having a center in her neighborhood, "with people from North Fairmount, South Cumminsville and even people in Camp Washington. Everybody utilizes this building!"

The Millvale Recreation Center is unique because it is much more than a place for recreation. "This is not just a Recreation Center," said Kelly Kerr, Community Center Director, "this is a social service agency...from clothes and bus tokens to health care." The center also serves as a home to a thriving health clinic, a dental clinic, and the Cincinnati Union Bethel Day Care.



Memories of dedicated people who fought long and hard for the programs that are now available at the center were honored that day. "We need to really cherish this building," said Pat Pugh of Cincinnati's Urban Ministry Outreach. "There is a lot of history in this building. My mother used to come to the clinic here many, many years ago and it's just ironic that I'm now a minister in this building. This building is so diverse. On any given day you have a dental and health Office, a kickball game and a church service."



Phoenix Festival 2004 Clifton Community Center

At the dedication ceremony that took place Monday, May 24th at 4:30 p.m., the parking lot of the Clifton Community Center was transformed into a place of multi-cultural celebration. To the beat of drums provided by Victor Williams of Pangea Trading Company, a procession emerged with children wearing animal masks and carrying streamer laced poles with elemental signs of earth, air, fire and water. The culmination of the parade was a giant Phoenix crafted with the help of Tom Reese of the Pleasant Ridge Puppetry Program. A rededication program soon followed and the whole event culminated in a water brigade representing the new life that had returned to the center.

The fire that swept through the Clifton Community Center last year on October 19 rendered it unusable. Dale Doerman, Service Area Coordinator, knew that he and his staff had to turn this set back into an opportunity for growth that could bring the community together. Doerman recalls, "I told the staff that we have a unique opportunity to remake ourselves exactly how we would like"

The staff of Clifton Community Center kept all of their programs going even though they didn't have a central location or office. Joe Goeldner, Clifton Center Director, said the most difficult thing was being transient. Goeldner says "We did a lot of moving supplies back and forth between locations." The offices were soon relocated to Corryville. Many of their programs were moved to the Krueck, College Hill, Dunham and Corryville Community Centers.

Everyone was anticipating the day they would take up the new space after the fire

and spent much of the winter and spring preparing for the Phoenix Festival.

After the rededication ceremony on May 24, 2004, the friends and neighbors of Clifton Community Center were invited in for a reception with refreshments and entertainment. After seven months without a place to call home, the center was ready for summer. With the Phoenix Festival over, Arnelle Dow now says, "We are looking forward to getting back to normal!"



Rebirth & Rebirth



Summer Playground Program

Over the summer, kids would be on the look out for the new CRC Mobile Playground Van. This rolling fun unit made it's way to specific CRC parks and playgrounds beginning June 21 and continued through August 13. Jump ropes, beach balls, board games, soccer goals, tents, tables and craft supplies are just a few of the exciting things that were loaded up and rolled out in area neighborhoods. The Mobile Playground Van made it's first appearance at Kids Fest at Sawyer Point on June 5.

Along with fun activities, the Mobile Playground Van provided adult leadership and supervision. "Our focus is on interaction," according to Yvette Stanford, the Summer Playground Program Coordinator. She continues by saying, "We will provide leadership and role models for kids who may not have access to a recreation center."

In order to include as many children as possible, the Summer Playground Program was made up of two components; fixed playgrounds, at which all of the equipment is permanently

placed, and the van-based mobile playground. Stanford says, "As the second component of the Summer Playground Program, organized activities and CRC employees will be on hand at fixed playgrounds as well."

The structured playground programs were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from noon to 4pm beginning June 22 and continuing through August 12.

The Mobile Playground Van brought fun and activities every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to two locations per day from 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm.



A Sense of Stewardship

2004 Volunteer Projects

1. Employee Volunteer Day
CRC Employees at Evanston Rec Center (25 volunteers)
2. Cross-town Help-out
Winton Hills, Leblond & North Avondale Centers, Univ. of Cincinnati and Xavier Univ. Students (125 volunteers)
3. Hartwell Rec Center- Landscaping Project
St. James Church of Wyoming (30 volunteers)
4. Linn & Livingston Tot Lot Transformation
West End Community Council, West End Business Association, Deloitte & Touche Employees (40 volunteers)

Community Playground Builds

1. Sayler Park Ballfield
1000 Hands Past Committee and Captains (15 volunteers)
2. Martin Luther King Tot Lot
Avondale Community Council, Residents, Children's Hospital Employees & Kohl's Department Stores (120 volunteers)
3. Hartwell Community Center
Home Depot Employees (56 volunteers)
4. Linwood Tot Lot
Linwood Comm. Council, Residents & Boy Scouts (25 volunteers)
5. Corryville Recreation Center
PNC Bank Employees (60 volunteers)

1000 Hands Rehabs

1. Roselawn 1000 Hands Playground
Wyoming High School Students (60 volunteers)
2. Mt. Washington 1000 Hands Playground
Mt. Washington Community Council and Residents (40 volunteers)
3. Pleasant Ridge 1000 Hands Playground
Give Back Cincinnati (40 volunteers)
4. Northside 1000 Hands Playground
General Electric Transportation and Elfun's (75 volunteers)
5. Dunham 1000 Hands Playground – Included Complete Landscaping of Allen House and Arts Building
Home Depot Employees (160 volunteers)

2004 Volunteer Statistics

Department wide # of Volunteer Hours in 2004 – 41,502

Savings to CRC based on National Hourly Wage Average for a Volunteer (\$17.19) – $41,502 \times \$17.19 = \$713,419.38$

Donated Materials and Cash for Projects in 2004 – \$72,500

2004 Playground Renovations

Playground Name	Playground Address
Airport Pg. - Spirit of '76	4750 Playfield Lane
Boldface Rec Complex	3070 River Road
Bush Recreation Center	2640 Kemper Lane
Camp Washington RC	1201 Stock St.
Carmalt (Comm. Built)	530 Carmalt
Carson Covedale	4922 Rapid Run
Carthage Tot Lot	241 Seymour Avenue
Chase & Fergus	Chase and Fergus Avenues
Colerain & Shepherd	Colerain & Shepherd Sts
College Hill Recreation Area	5660 Belmont
Cook & Draper	Cook & Draper
Corryville Rec. Center	Eden & University
Coy	Marshall, Devotie, Wagner
D. Gilday Rec. Complex	3540 Southside Avenue
Daniels (Comm. Built)	1128 Groesbeck
Dempsey	956 Purcell Ave.
Dunham Sports Complex	4400 Guerley Rd.
Dyer	2110 Freeman Ave.
East Twelfth Street Play Area	518 E. 12th Street
Eighth & Depot	2127 W. 8th Street
Erie & Marburg	3357 Erie
Fairview (Comm. Built)	2219 Ravine Street
Fifteenth & Pleasant	112 W. 15th Street
Filson (Comm. Built)	461 Ringgold Street
Glendora	Glendora & Shields
Hanna	223 W. McMicken
Hartwell Recreation Center	8275 Vine Street
Hartwell Tot Lot	86 Ferndale Drive
Henrienne Tot Lot	3571 McHenry Avenue
Henshaw & Rachel	1054 Rachel St.
Hirsch CC	3630 Reading Road
Hoffman School	3090 Woodburn Ave.
Jay St. Play Area	Jay & Maple Sts.
Kennedy Heights	6025McHugh Ave.
Lane Seminary	2712 Park Avenue
Lang	6006 Woodford Rd.
Laurel	503 W. Liberty
Lincoln CC	1027 Linn Street
Linn & Livingston	Linn & Livingston Streets
Linwood Rec. Area	Eastern & Russell
Little Miami Rec Complex	5057 Wooster Road
Lower Price Hill Playfield	628 Evans Street
Madisonville	5312 Stewart
Martin Luther King, Jr. Tot Lot	630 Glenwood Ave.
Massachusetts Tot Lot	Massachusetts & Rachel
McKie R.C.	1655 Chase Avenue
McMicken & Klotter	510 W. McMicken
Millvale R.C.	3303 Beekman Street
Milton Boal	312 Milton Street
Moorman Tot Lot	2611 Moorman Avenue
Mt. Adams	966 Mt. Adams Circle
Mt. Airy	5472 Colerain Avenue
Mt. Auburn Rec. Center	270 Southern Ave.
Mt. Washington R.C.	1715 Beacon Street
Nassau-St. James	Nassau & St. James Sts.
North Fairmount Rec Area	1702 Denham Street
North Fairmount Rec Center	1769 Carll Street
Old Findlay	Findlay St b/w Race & Elm
Olden	3436 Warsaw
Oskamp	5652 Glenway
Oyler School Rec Area	2125 Staebler Street
Paddock & Tennessee	1001 Tennessee Ave.
Pleasant Ridge RC	5915 Ridge Ave.
Price Hill	959 Hawthorne

Playground Name	Playground Address
Rapid Run	4545 Rapid Run Road
Rochelle Tot Lot	3001 Eden Avenue
Rockdale & Harvey	Harvey & Rockdale Sts.
Roselawn	Eastlawn Ave.
Sands Play Area	Livingston St, S. of Freeman
Sawyer Point	214 Butler St.
Sayler Park	6720 Home City Avenue
Schiller-Hughes	Schiller-Hughes Sts.
Schwarz	2211 May Street
South Fairmount	1667 Queen City Ave.
Spring Street Tot Lot	1113 Spring Street
Twelfth & Broadway	332 E. 12th Street
Washington Park PG	1315 Race St.
Wayne	3757 Beekman
Weaver	1503 Linn Street
Westwood Town Hall	3017 Harrison Avenue
Winkler & Bosler	153 Winkler Street
Winton Commons	634 Hand St.
Winton Hills C.C.	5170 Winneste Ave.
Zinsle	Zinsle & Red Bank

Playgrounds to be Improved / Updated in 2005

Playground Name	Playground Address
Airport PG - opp. LOMB	4757 Playfield Lane
Ashland & Chapel	Ashland & Chapel Streets
Avondale Center	870 Blair Ave.
Bond Hill	1620 Yarmouth Avenue
Bramble	6395 Bramble Avenue
Caldwell	316 North Bend Road
Cornuella (Desmond)	Desmond & Roanoke
DeHart	Mathers & Altoona Sts.
Ebersole C.C.	5700 Kellogg Avenue
Evans	Evans Street
Evanston Pool	3558 Evanston Avenue
Evanston R.C.	3204 Woodburn Avenue
Forest & Irving	Forest & Irving Streets
Grant	65 E. McMicken St.
Hannaford	Mellwood, S. of Derby
Haven Tot Lot	3589 Haven Street
Hendy	Woodbriar, Juniper, & Edgetree
LeBlond	2335 Eastern Avenue
Linwood Ballfields	3710 Hutton Street
New Findlay	Findlay, b/w Race & Elm
North Avondale R.C.	671 Clinton Springs
Oakley	3882 Paxton Road
Owl's Nest	1900 Pogue Avenue
Queensgate Ball Field	707 W. Court Street
Rakestraw	217 Stanley Avenue
Rice & Loth	Rice & Loth Streets
Ryan	3324 Meyer Place
Saint Clair Play Area	Fairmount & Iroquois
Salway	4250 Spring Grove Ave.
Schmidt	2944 Humbert Street
Wulsin	2270 Dana Ave.
Ziegler PG	1311 Sycamore Street



Recreation Employment Corps

CRC designed the Recreation Employment Corps (REC) youth internship program to address critical employability issues with youth in our community. The program provides on the job employment experience and training. This program employed 30 youth interns between the ages of 15-17. The REC completed its third year of operation, bringing the number of youth mentored and trained through the program to over 100.

Youth interns worked up to 30 hours per week under close supervision of a full time CRC staff mentor who provided training in the CRC New Employee Orientation, Interview and Workplace Communication

Skills, Conflict Resolution, Resume Writing and Computer Skills. About 33% of REC interns have been hired by CRC following their successful completion of the REC program.



Autumn of Our Years

Senior Rivertrek 2004

CRC Senior RiverTrek 2004 included 7 adventurous seniors who rafted, canoed and camped out on the Little Miami River. CRC and Morgan's original plan was to raft about 5-8 miles, however these seniors wanted an exciting adventure and were prepared to paddle. Launching off near Deer Creek Ohio they covered about 10-12 miles. The seniors enjoyed the early fall colors, the natural beauty and the history of the Little Miami River during this smooth ride. Plenty of water and snacks were packed for the trip. Around



lunchtime, they stopped to eat their "heater meals." In the late afternoon, they arrived at Home Sweet Home, tents, cots and a hot shower. Enjoying a BBQ chicken dinner, building the camp fire, socializing for the evening and eating smores was the agenda. Even after a long day a few seniors enjoyed walking around the camp site.

Early to bed, early to rise, awakening to the smell of homemade pancakes, sausages, coffee and all the trimmings of a river shore breakfast the seniors were ready for another adventurous day. The plan was to continue rafting, however after speaking with our tour guides the seniors decided to canoe the Little Miami. The canoes were brought in and off they went for about another day of paddling, floating and wadding in the river. Arriving at the final destination, they boarded a bus, enjoyed a ride through the hills of Ft. Ancient, Ohio, and ended their trip with a box lunch at the base camp.

Mayor's Breakfast for Youth

On Thursday, July 22nd, the First-Annual Mayor's Breakfast for Youth was held. It was coordinated by Becky Smith and Cathy Raffles of CRC...and what a success it was! This fundraiser educated and informed attendees about the services and programs provided by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and raised money for the Recreation Employment Corps and Playground programs. After breakfast, there was a presentation of the First-Annual Corporate Youth Partnership Award to the Cincinnati Reds and the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund. Recreation Employment Corps youth speakers made comments as well as the CRC Youth Commissioner, Soroya Edwards. The event took place from 8-9:30am at Xavier University's Schiff Family Conference Center Banquet Room.



Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs

This program is made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to provide fishing instruction and activities, aquatic exploration and free equipment to participating centers. The program emphasizes the value of being involved in positive outdoor recreation activities, while educating children about the negatives of drug use. Over 5,000 youth fished at Kid's Fest Fishing Pond, 1,200 youth participated in two Fish Fest events at Burnet Woods, 720+ youth from

24 recreation centers participated in weekly instructional fishing trips that incorporated fish identification, environmental conservation, fishing safety and lure-making, and 160 youth participated in WaterFest workshops covering water safety, exploration and fishing education. Other activities included field trips to the Newport Aquarium and camping and fishing activities at Burnet Woods, the Little Miami River, Caesars Creek, Rocky Fork Lake, and the Ohio River.



Springtime of Life

Youth Commission

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of two local high school students, Mr. Ean Harris and Mr. Jacob Lawson to one-year terms as youth representatives on the CRC Board of Commissioners.

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission recognizes the importance of fostering youth involvement in leadership roles within the community. The youth Commission appointees will help give a public voice to the needs and issues affecting today's youth in Cincinnati. Mr. Harris and Mr. Lawson will attend Commission meetings and other city functions as representatives of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Mr. Harris and Mr. Lawson will also be creating and implementing various youth service projects during their term.

Ean Harris currently attends Christ Emmanuel Christian Academy. He has a long list of school awards and honors. He has gained leadership experience



through planning and conducting a Mock Presidential Election at his school and also helping host a *Candidates' Night*, in which City Council Candidates were invited to come and share their platforms. Ean also has a long history with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, attending day camps at Krueck and Corryville Centers, as well as playing in CRC basketball leagues at Price Hill. Ean honed his outdoor skills this summer on his first RiverTrek journey and plans to return as a Peer Leader in 2005.

Ean hopes that as a Youth Commissioner he can "serve to improve the relationship between the youth and the Community." He believes that CRC helps get the youth of our City involved in positive and constructive programs.

Jacob Lawson is currently a sophomore at Shroder Paideia High School. He participates in a variety of extra curricular activities for his school, including the Big Brother/Big Sister program, the People to People Education Forum, the National Honor Society, as well as playing on the baseball team. Jacob's involvement with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission began when he was a day camper at LeBlond Center. He volunteered in 2002 and 2003 by assisting staff with day camp activities. This past summer he worked as an intern in the Recreation Employment Corps, assisting with the Summer Day Camp program. Jacob also joined other teens on the RiverTrek trip in 2004.

Teen Socials

CRC Teen Socials bring diverse groups of youths together from across the city for fun, interactive events. Quarterly Teen Socials served over 270 teens from across the city, providing an assortment of recreational activities in a supportive and structured environment. Socials in 2004 were held at Morgan's Canoe Livery, Ryan Pool, and Perfect North Slopes. The Teen Advisory Committee was instrumental in planning the above events.



From Jacob's perspective, he cites too much unsupervised time, as a major problem for the youth of our City. He believes that the Cincinnati Recreation Commission provides quality structured activities and positive peer leadership opportunities for youth in the city. Jacob feels he can make a difference by listening to what teens in our Community have to say and helping provide more opportunities for them.

Super Summer



2004 Statistics

For ONE WEEK in July, 2004, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission recorded the following:

Annual Employees	225
Seasonal Employees.	993
Payroll Checks Processed.	1,205
Incoming Calls to the CRC InfoLine	611
CRC Areas Mowed & Maintained	150
CRC Ballfields Drug & Lined	250
Trash Cans Emptied.	3,100
Work Orders Completed.	86
Sites Cleaned	490
Visitors to Sawyer Point.	53,300
Fitness & Rowing Center Attendance	345
Skating Pavillion Attendance.	378
Sawyer Point Tennis.	225
Sawyer Point Sand Volleyball.	294
Sawyer Point Events and Rentals	4,200
Showboat Majestic Attendance.	1,984
Fountain Square Attendance	900
Attendance at Recreation Centers	16,432
Rental Attendance at Recreation Centers	1,345
Special Event Attendance at Recreation Centers.	1,937
Programs held at Recreation Centers	1,516
Program Hours at Recreation Centers.	5,130
New Memberships at Recreation Centers	97
Hours of Operation at Recreation Centers.	1,644
Special Event Hours at Recreation Centers.	143
Volunteer Hours at Recreation Centers.	748
New Volunteers at Recreation Centers.	51
Weekly Attendance at Pools.	17,567
Pool Memberships Sold.	968
Attendance at Kroger Events.	882
Participants in Swim Lessons.	667
Participants in Guard Start Program.	263
Participants on Swim Team.	505
Participants in Baseball.	880
Adult Athletic Leagues.	6,640
Adult Tournaments/Events.	715
Youth Athletic Leagues.	440
Golf Rounds Played.	12,402
Regular Golf Rounds Played.	8,906
Senior Golf Rounds Played.	2,487
Youth Golf Rounds Played	1,009
Participants in Senior Programs.	782
Participants in T.R. Programs	155
Participants in T.R. Day Camps.	147
Participants in T.R. Softball & Baseball.	71
Participants in T.R. Adapted Aquatics	31
Participants in T.R. Tennis Camp.	20
Participants in the T.R. Luau.	87
Participants in Adventure Outpost.	53
Participants in Rivertrek.	30
Participants on Green Team.	30
Participants in Rec. Employment Corps.	20
Tennis Spectators at Lunken Playfield.	2,750
Picnic Area Rentals at Lunken Playfield.	986
Attendance at Lunken Playfield Bike Trail.	1,090
Attendance at Lunken Playfield Playground	1,120
Attendance at Lunken Playfield Mini Golf.	240
Bicycle Rentals at Lunken Playfield	46

Cincinnati Recreation Commission • 2005

Operating Budget	\$25,007,600
Revenue Estimate	\$10,000,000
Capital Improvements	\$3,919,100
Full-Time Employees.	246
Part-Time Employees.	400
Seasonal Employees.	463
Acreage of land controlled & maintained	2,286 acres
Recreation Facilities	250
Recreation Centers	30
Playgrounds	108
Fitness Centers	18
Senior Centers and Clubs	16
Swimming Pools	41
Golf Courses	7
Fitness and Bike Trails	7
Theaters/Pavilions	7
Outdoor Basketball Courts	59
Baseball/Softball Fields	149
Football Fields	29
Soccer Fields	44
Tennis Courts	122
Miniature Golf Courses	1
Sand Volleyball Courts	2
Skating Rinks	3
Boat Ramps	3

City of Cincinnati General Information

City income tax on payroll	2.1%
General property tax effective rate	61.146 mills
Population	331,285
Land Area	78.81 sq. miles 50,438 acres

City of Cincinnati Demographic Information

Median Age of Residents	32.1
Median Household Income	\$29,493
Per Capita Income.	\$19,962
Number of Households	148,093
Number of Persons per Household	2.15
Public School Enrollment	93,479
Unemployment Rate	7.3%

Age Distribution

5 & younger	23,862	45 to 54.	38,757
5 to 9.	22,810	55 to 59.	12,777
10 to 14.	22,109	60 to 64.	10,333
15 to 19.	23,805	65 to 74.	19,761
20 to 24.	31,327	75 to 84.	14,645
25 to 34.	56,094	85 & older.	6,248
35 to 44.	48,757		

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Cincinnati Recreation Commission Foundation

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission Foundation was established in February 1996 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to aid and improve the quality of life for Cincinnati citizens. This is accomplished by supplementing the services offered by Cincinnati Recreation Commission. This goal is only achieved through the generous donations of countless individuals, businesses, industries and organizations. These tax-deductible donations give the Foundation the chance to have a direct and immediate impact on the City of Cincinnati.

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission Foundation comprises a volunteer Board of Directors. The Board works hand in hand with Staff and Commission Members in deciding how Foundation funds are spent. Funds are aimed at aiding recreation programs that the city budget cannot support.

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Saturated in Summer

Adventure Outpost

In a partnership with Hamilton County Parks, CRC brings youth participants to Adventure Outpost at Winton Woods. This resident camping program provides a safe, enjoyable and memorable camping experience for our youth with an emphasis on building outdoor skills, teamwork and leadership. In 2004, 36 CRC groups used the facility with a total of 684 participants. Youth and teens have the opportunity to camp in cabins for 3 days and 2 nights. Youth participate in a variety of outdoor recreation activities including a Ropes Course, Bicycling, Canoeing, and Hiking. Youth gained confidence and learned teamwork skills while participating in these challenging activities.



Discover S.C.U.B.A.

This introductory SCUBA program offers diving and snorkeling instruction in CRC's deep-water pools. About 250 teens received SCUBA and snorkeling instruction in 2004. Offered in partnership with SCUBA Unlimited. Over 1,000 youth have been introduced to the sport of scuba through this program.



Kayaking

A six week Kayak program developed for students of all skill levels. Participants learned how to use different type of Kayaks, basic paddling techniques, safety procedures, and working of equipment. For the completion of the program, the students learned the techniques of an Eskimo Roll. In 2004, approximately 100 adults and 50 teens received Kayak instruction through this program.

American Red Cross **GUARD START**TM LIFEGUARDING TOMORROW



Guard Start

The Guard Start Program is an American Red Cross Program, which the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Aquatics Division has restructured into an incentive-based “Learn and Earn” program. This program introduces youth to a foundation of knowledge, attitudes and skills to become a future lifeguard. Topics include fitness, prevention, response, professionalism, leadership, team building, and swimming skill development. Life skills such as communication and decision making team work and leadership complimented a detailed curriculum emphasizing the importance of life behaviors like nutrition and physical fitness.

During the six-week program youth ages 11 to 14 earn points for timeliness, effort, and proper behavior. There is an opportunity to earn up to ten points for a day, four days a week for a total of 240 points by the program end. The program

is geared for success; in order to earn their weekly incentive item, each participant was required to earn 25 of their 40 possible points per week. This ensured that each participant could earn his or her items based on their individual skill levels. Participants earned incentive items such as: swim goggles, a swimsuit, a Guard Start T-shirt and an end of the program celebration pizza party held at Ryan pool.



Kroger Fun Days 2004

The fourth year of Kroger Family Fun Pool Days Program provided 8 fun filled Sunday afternoons at neighborhood pools for the citizens of Cincinnati. This year again had a special Saturday event which celebrated the dedication of CRC’s new Winton Place Zero Depth aquatic facility. The Pleasant Ridge neighborhood Ridge Days celebration also coincided with the Kroger event. Three sites, Millvale, Lincoln in the West End, and Madisonville were promoted and held in conjunction with the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission Community Outreach Festivals.

Unfortunately, 2004 was a very cool summer which greatly affected attendance at pool events. Cincinnati experienced 68 days of our 10 week program below 90 degrees, with 4 days of 60-69 degrees and 31 days of 70-79 degrees. Only one Sunday event had rain which did not interfere with the event and all events for the season were able to be held as scheduled.

At all 33 events, both swimmers and spectators were treated to snacks and soft drinks and enjoyed the music provided by a disc jockey. Swimmers also participated in water games like greased watermelon contests, pool noodle races and underwater treasure hunts. Adult and family participation was again visually evident at these Sunday afternoon events as compared to the normal operating hours. Perhaps most importantly, people from various neighborhoods continued to come together for four hours of fun, food and camaraderie at the four locations each weekend.

This program was scheduled at four locations each week on Sunday afternoons for eight weeks, June 13th through August 8th, 2004. The 23 pool sites were mostly deep-water pools with 3 shallow water pool locations. These were spread out throughout the city, with a concentration in low-income areas at pools with a probability of large attendance.



A Reason to Revitalize

Avon Fields Golf Course 90th Anniversary

Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Avon Fields Golf Course commemorated its 90th anniversary on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23 by featuring an array of golf specials and celebratory events.

Available throughout the weekend with no time restrictions, golfers could play 18 holes with a cart for \$19.14, nine holes walking for \$9.90, and could purchase large range buckets for \$5.00 at a savings of \$2.75. And to spark the competitive spirit, Avon Fields hosted a putting contest, a 'hit the green contest' and other similar activities.

In addition, the celebration included merchandise and food and beverage specials, and featured call-ins to Talk Radio Station WDBZ - 1230 AM (The Buzz), as well as a live remote broadcasted from Avon Fields by WDBZ.

Steve Pacella, General Manager of the CRC courses, said "This is a day for us to revel in the long term success that this course has enjoyed and, more

importantly, to thank the devoted local population for their continued patronage."

Located only minutes from downtown Cincinnati, and owned by the CRC, Avon Fields is one of the most esteemed courses in the central U.S., and the oldest municipal golf course west of the Allegheny Mountains. Designed by Langford and Moreau in 1914, this par-66, 4,963 yard layout offers a true parkland style golf experience, and puts a particular emphasis on accurate shot making with its narrow tree lined fairways, and small undulating greens.



Therapeutic Golf

The Adapted Golf Clinic was held at the Dunham Golf Course on Friday, October 8th and Saturday, October 9th, 2004. On Friday, the golf professionals from the 7 CRC golf courses participated in a clinic educating them on the fundamentals of the instruction of golf to a person with a disability. This 2 hour training included lecture, adaptive equipment, and role playing.

The following day, approximately 30 individuals with physical disabilities (i.e. Amputations, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, etc.) participated in a 4 hour golf clinic. Through the registration and assessment of participants, it was determined the golfers ranged in age from 8 - 70 years old with varying skill levels. Many play golf regularly, while others had never swung a club. Participants were

placed into groups based on skill level, age, and disability. The stations consisted of driving, chipping, putting, and hole playing. All golfers were instructed by golf professionals at each of the stations to improve their game techniques. Following the station instruction, participants were able to utilize the full course to practice the skills they had learned.



International Children's Games

The Athletic Division coordinated local qualifying events to send 25 teen athletes (12-15 years old) to the 2004 International Children's in Cleveland, Ohio. CRC competed in swimming, tennis and track & field events during the weeklong event. Highlights of this international event included a visit by President George W. Bush and an opening ceremony that featured a parade of 3,000 international youth athletes waving their country and city flags.





Blaze Sports Clubs

In 2004, CRC was awarded Blaze Sports Club status. Blaze Sports is a national organization for children with physical disabilities created by NRPA and the US Disabled Athletes Fund. Over 80 youths participated in the following Blaze Sports events that included a Blaze Sports kick-off event, a wheelchair tennis tournament, basketball, football, tennis camp, and golf clinics. CRC is looking forward to a long a fruitful relationship with Blaze Sports and is honored to be part of the team!



George Foster Celebrity Golf Tournament

George Foster helped to organize the first annual CRC/George Foster Celebrity Golf Tournament. There was 100 golfers who participated in the event. All of the proceeds from the tournament benefited CRC city-wide youth baseball programs.

The Tony Yates Junior Golf Academy

Golf is obviously the main focus and objective of the Tony Yates Junior Golf Academy, but the program offers much more than just an introduction to golf. The academy offers opportunity for children to come together in large groups, interact and learn social skills necessary to succeed later on in life. One goal is to create golfers and hope someday to resurrect the boys and girls high school golf teams at all of the Cincinnati Public High Schools. More importantly, is the children's exposure to the game and what this will mean to these children as they grow older.

The Hook A Kid On Golf Program

The Hook A Kid On Golf program, run in conjunction with The National Alliance for Youth Sports, has a mission to provide communities with a comprehensive youth golf program that eliminates all the obstacles that discourage youngsters from playing golf. This year we organized two of these week long programs. Each program offered 20 children ages 8 to 17 an opportunity to learn the game of golf.



Reds Rookie Success League

CRC teamed-up with the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund to provide a non-competitive, character-building summer baseball league targeting inner-city, at-risk youth, ages 8-11. The program lasted for six weeks and each week a new "life-lesson" was introduced, incorporated and reinforced with the participants while playing ball. The program mission is to teach children how to "be a successful person first." There were 270 youth who participated in 2004, which doubled the attendance from 2003.

There were 65 coaches, many of whom were volunteers. Free health screenings

for the participants were conducted by Tri-Health professionals and the Cincinnati Reds provided the equipment, trainers, and refreshments.



Street Scapes

Streetscapes is a weekend (Saturday, Sunday) event that centers around the closing of Telford Avenue in Clifton, so that local artists can recreate self-selected famous works of art that exist in the collections of the great museums of the world. Teams and some individual artists transfer the works onto the public canvas of a city street. Onlookers are invited and encouraged to participate by exchanging comments and questions with the artists as they execute the designs. This low-key interaction is augmented by local street musicians who wander about the area providing acoustic diversion and their own musical commentary to accompany the festival.

The planning for Streetscapes begins in December and continues through to the event which is held on the last weekend of September. The festival hopes to increase public attendance and public appreciation of the arts, introduce visitors to the retail shops and restaurants of Clifton, encourage participation in the arts among youth, and to promote community interaction on a human scale.

The proposed event was initially supported by the Clifton Recreation Center, the Clifton Town Meeting and the Clifton Business Association. The first event in 2002 attracted 1,500 – 2,000 visitors, in addition to the enthusiastic participation from local artists and teams from the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning, Northern Kentucky University Art Department, and the Cincinnati Art Academy.

Volunteers worked with youth, sold t-shirts and CDs from featured musical artists, hung banners, took photos, emptied garbage and transported donated food from area restaurants to the artists in the street. On Saturday evening private police assisted the Cincinnati Police in protecting the area overnight.

In 2004 more than 40 artists participated and more than 30 volunteers assisted in the effort. An estimated 6,000 – 7,000 people attended Streetscapes 2004. Each year a number of people who visit Streetscapes for the first time and are so

taken by the experience that they volunteer on the spot to work the following year's event or become a donating sponsor. In 2004, Streetscapes t-shirts sold out ten hours before the event concluded. The money from the sale of t-shirts becomes the seed money for the next year. T-shirts and printing costs are donated by the Columbia Savings Bank. All CD sales revert to the featured musicians. No food or drink is sold in the street. This is done to encourage the public to visit and support the local sponsoring businesses. In 2004 Clifton businesses reported a "brisk" and profitable weekend.



A Time of Chivalry

Arts and Grants

2004 City of Cincinnati General Fund Arts Policy Distribution of Arts Policy Funds to Major Arts and Cultural Organizations

Recipient	Policy Amount (%)	Allocation (\$)
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra	17.10%	\$73,900
Cincinnati Museum Center	7.85%	\$33,925
Cincinnati Museum Assoc. (Cincinnati Art Museum)	7.37%	\$31,851
Greater Cincinnati Television Educational Fdn. (WCET-TV 48)	7.22%	\$31,203
Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park	6.28%	\$27,140
Cincinnati Opera Association	5.18%	\$22,386
Cincinnati Ballet	5.15%	\$22,257
Cincinnati Classical Public Radio, Inc./WGUC-FM	4.27%	\$18,454
Contemporary Arts Center	3.97%	\$17,157
Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts/Taft Museum of Art	3.76%	\$16,250
Cincinnati Musical Festival Assoc. (May Festival)	3.71%	\$16,034
The Real Stepchild Radio of Cincinnati, Inc. (WAIF-FM)	1.14%	\$4,927
Subtotal Major Arts and Cultural Organizations	73.00%	\$315,484
Balance of Allocation (Competitive Arts Grant Programs)	27.00%	\$116,686
Total Arts Policy	100.00%	\$432,170



Paul Brondhaver

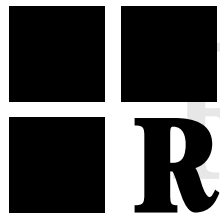
In December of 2003, Staff Sergeant Paul Brondhaver left his family and his job with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to serve his country in Iraq. On July 7th, 2004 Brondhaver's unit, the 216th Combat Engineer Battalion, was attacked by a rocket propelled grenade when a vehicle in Brondhaver's convoy broke down in a small village between Balad and Samarra, north of Baghdad.

With his buddy dead beside him and his body riddled with 300 holes from shrapnel that rained down on his unit, Brondhaver managed to crawl back to

his Humvee where he radioed for reinforcements and called for a Medivac helicopter for himself and the other injured soldiers. His left leg was lifeless, his left eye shuttered with a piece of shrapnel. Hanging out the window of the Humvee, Brondhaver fired at the attackers and ordered the machine gunner to lay down suppressive fire. He grabbed his Bible and with bullets spraying around him, he prayed for safety.

Within 10 minutes, the helicopter was rushing Brondhaver and the other wounded soldiers back to a temporary

coalition military base in Balad, then on to a hospital in Germany and finally home to his family in Cincinnati. After a long and painful recovery, Paul Brondhaver has returned to work for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission as a Community Center Director for Westwood Town Hall. The military has honored Paul with the Bronze Star with Valor for his actions the day of the attack in Iraq. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is honored to have a true American Hero as part of their team.



Revenues & Expenditures

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Cincinnati Recreation Commission
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For Year Ended 12/31/04

	Revenue	Expenditures
West Region One/ Therapeutics.....	694,845	2,779,941
East Region Two.....	820,741	2,687,568
Central Region Three/Seniors.....	873,138	3,421,097
Maintenance Region.....	—	5,103,721
Golf.....	6,138,874	5,931,369
Athletics/Aquatics.....	714,167	2,085,659
Sawyer Point/Waterfront.....	853,299	1,199,585
Administration.....	43,179	1,199,585
Total.....	10,138,242	25,241,027
Donations (Included Above).....	244,761	—
Capital Expenditures.....		12,837,778
Capital Encumbrances.....		8,090,848



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**Cincinnati Recreation Commission
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For Year Ended 12/31/03**

	Revenue	Expenditures
West Region One/ Therapeutics.....	689,393	2,137,127
East Region Two.....	840,355	2,569,399
Central Region Three/Seniors.....	886,935	2,918,106
Maintenance Region.....	1,877	5,050,569
Golf.....	5,853,499	5,729,470
Athletics/Aquatics.....	761,884	2,139,698
Sawyer Point/Waterfront.....	1,661,379	1,486,948
Administration.....	148,132	2,187,433
Total.....	11,244,138	25,934,787
Donations (Included Above).....	237,012	—
Capital Expenditures.....		7,308,792
Capital Encumbrances.....		10,974,601



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